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SUBJECT: Interagency Steering Group on Lebanon: Summary of Conclusions

Attached is the Summary of Conclusions for the Meeting of the Interagency Steering Group on Lebanon held on October 7, 1982.

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Executive Secretary

# Attachments:

- 1. Summary of Conclusions
- 2. List of Participants

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PARTICIPANTS: See List Attached

DATE AND TIME: October 7, 1982, 1:40 p.m.

PLACE: Deputy Secretary's Conference Room 7219, State Department

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Interagency Steering Group on Lebanon, October 7

# SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Acting Secretary Dam opened the meeting by citing the need for rapid action on the Lebanese problem. The results of the Steering Group's work should be available to the President early the week of October 11 so that decisions on U.S. policy toward the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon can be taken. To accelerate the work of the Steering Group, the chairman announced the formation of two subgroups, one to handle diplomatic and military aspects of the problem under the leadership of Ambassador Veliotes, the second to work on assistance and reconstruction under the leadership of Peter McPherson.

Ambassador Philip Habib briefed the meeting on the basic requirements for peace in Lebanon. He cited first the problem of the Lebanese government in relation to sectarian, political, and economic factors. Without security and internal consensus, a central government could neither take shape nor be effective. Second was the problem of foreign forces, the withdrawal of which he considered essential. Withdrawal was a negotiable proposition, and ought to be addressed in two phases: disengagement, and final withdrawal. While neither the terms nor the mechanics of withdrawal had yet been agreed upon, the physical process per se need not require months to accomplish. A discussion ensued on various details of the problem.

AID Director McPherson noted the progress to date toward establishing a consortium of donors to Lebanon's reconstruction. Amin Gemayel's October visit to New York and Washington would provide an opportunity for the Lebanese President to meet with representatives of the IBRD and donor organizations.

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### ACTION ASSIGNMENTS

- l. Chairman Dam called into being the two subgroups referred to in paragraph one above. These are tasked with carrying forward the work of the Steering Group in their respective areas.
- 2. DOD undertook to refine its present draft paper on peace-keeping modes in cooperation with JCS and the Politico-Military Affairs Bureau of the State Department. To be effective, this paper will be needed by COB Friday, October 8.
- 3. State undertook to complete the basic paper to the President setting forth options for U.S. diplomacy toward withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

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# INTERAGENCY STEERING GROUP ON LEBANON

October 7, 1982, 1:30 p.m.

Deputy Secretary's Conference Room 7219, State Department

### **PARTICIPANTS**

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Mr. Nicholas Veliotes, NEA

Amb. Philip Habib

Adm. Jonathan Howe, PM

Mr. Tain Tompkins, S/S-S (Notetaker)

OVP Mr. Donald Gregg

NSC Mr. Howard Teicher

AID Mr. Peter McPherson

Mr. Alfred White

Mr. Robert Gates

Defense Mr. Francis West

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